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For: METHOD FOR TREATING AN EFFLUENT IN  
THREE BIOLOGICAL STEPS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced application and calculation of the corresponding filing fee, the applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.